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DETAILED ACTION

This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on September, 13, 2000. Claims
 2-4, 6-10, and 23 are under prosecution in this application.

Response to Applicant's Amendment

2. The amendment filed on September, 13, 2000 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Applicant's reply does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b) because it does not include arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render claims 2-4, 6-10, and 23 patentable over the applied references. See 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hani Kazimi whose telephone number is (703) 305-1061. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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